



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application No: 10/603,309
Applicant: Thomas KLENK et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 22, 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.